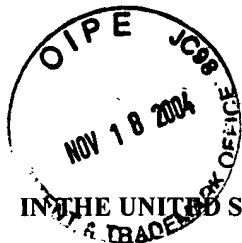


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WOLFGANG LUDWIG : Confirmation Number: 3668
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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR THE PROCESSING OF MEAT

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Total Claims | 26 | 36 | 0 | \$18.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 5 | 5 | 0 | \$88.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple claims newly presented | | | | | \$0.00 |
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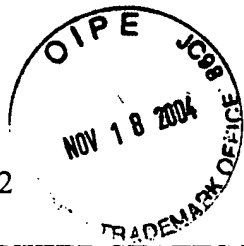
- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action
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